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1. CEAUSESCU. PROMINENT FRONTPAGE COVERAGE TO BOSTON HERALD EXCERPTS SPECULATING CEAUSESCU WILL BRING TO CARTER MESSAGE FROM KIM IL-SUNG. ALL PRESS INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF PREVIOUS DPRK PROPOSAL FOR CONFEDERATION SYSTEM. TONGA ILBO CORRESPONDENT QUOTES DOS SPOKESMAN RESTON; "US ADMINISTRATION SO FAR HAS SUPPORTED ROKG POSITION OPPOSING THE CONFEDERATION PROPOSAL; NO CHANGE WHATSOEVER TO BASIC US POLICY ON KOREAN PENINSULA; WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU CARRYING A MESSAGE FROM KIM IL-SUNG". IN RELATED MATTER KOREAN PRESS CARRIES ASAHI SHIMBUN ARTICLE SPECULATING NK NOT LIKELY TO ACCEPT 3-PARTY TALKS PROPOSAL.

2. KOREAN TANK. HEADLINES OR LARGE FRONTPAGE PRESS

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TO PRESIDENT PAK'S INSPECTION OF TANK FACTORY, HEADLINED "MASS PRODUCTION SYSTEM COMPLETED FOR PRODUCTION OF HIGHLY EFFICIENT TANK". REPORTS NOTE ROK HAS DESIGN PLANS FOR M48A3 AND A5 TANKS ENABLING ROK TO INDEPENDENTLY CONSTRUCT TANKS. SUCH TANK REPORTED TO COST ONE-HALF THE PRICE OF US-MADE M60. REPORTS CONTINUE KOREAN TANKS HAVE PASSED "INTERNATIONAL SPECIFICATION TESTS

AND AMPHIBIOUS TESTS" AND ARE FAR MORE EFFICIENT THAN  
ANY NK TANK.

3. SECDEF BROWN. SEOUL SINMUN FRONTPAGE'S BROWN'S  
4/5 SPEECH, IN WHICH HE REPORTEDLY SAID  
TROOP-WITHDRAWAL PLAN WAS MODIFIED FROM ORIGINAL  
CARTER PROPOSAL WHICH PLANNED WITHDRAW  
ALL USFK WITHIN ONE AND A-HALF YEARS. MODIFICATION  
RESULTED FROM STRONG SUGGESTION OF JCS.

4. PTS. MINOR COVERAGE TO WASH POST ARTICLE SAYING  
PTS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO ROK 4/7 AND CITING HOUSE  
ETHICS CMTE SOURCES SAYING NO PERJURY CHARGES CON-  
TEMPLATED AGAINST PTS.

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